Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.—Yes, he was.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—The date?

Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.— I cannot give the exact dates now.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Was it not at the close of 1103, Sir?

Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.—This question has been answered, Sir, in question No. 127. There it is given that Mr. Neelakanda Avyar was deputed three times in 1103.

President.—But his designation is not given there.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.— Has he drawn the T. A. of a peon also who, it is said, accompanied him?

Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.— Yes.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Was it refunded afterwards?

Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.— I have answered it 'no'. I allowed him to take the peon with him and I sanctioned the T. A. of the peon. It was never refunded.

Mr. T.A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Answer to sub-division (d) is 'Yes.' Is this recommendation sanctioned?

Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.—Orders have been passed. The recommendations have not been sanctioned.

Cocoanut pest.

129. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have issued orders to the Inspectors of the Agricultural Department that places in British also should be inspected for cocoanut pest; if so, the names of the localities inspected by them outside Cochin?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—The Entomologist has instructions to watch the insect pest on the borders of Cochin.

Parappukkara Panchayat.

130. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to sttae:—

(a) the date on which the term of the last Parappukkara Panchayat expired;

(b) the date of election of the new members;

(c) the date of nomination and the names of the nominated members;

(d) the reason for such delay for nomination;

(e) has this Panchayat civil jurisdiction; if so, what arrangements have been made by the Department during this long period for the filing and disposal, etc., of suits;

(f) when was the election of the President?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—(a) The term of office of four of the elected members expired on 31st Karkadagam 1103 and

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that of the two nominated members on 6th Chingam 1104. The term of the 5th elected member will expire only by 4th Medam 1104.

(b) 9th Karkadagam 1103.

(c) 23rd Kanni 1104. The two nominated members are Messrs. Madathiveetil Raman Menon and Komathkattil Chennunni Theyyan Vaidyan.

(d) Enquiries had to be made about the candidates to be nominated.

(e) Yes ; no arrangements can be legally made for the filing and disposal of suits till the new Panchayat court is constituted.

(f) 25th Thulam 1104.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—From the answer it is seen that for more than 3 or 4 months there was no Panchayat at all. May I know how arrangements are generally made in such cases for the disposal of cases during that period?

Mr. I. Raman Menon—There will be no disposal of cases at all.

President.—There will be no sitting in that case.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—And consequently there will be no disposal of cases.

President.—Only if there is a sitting there will be disposal.

Judicial Powers for the Vellarappalli Group Panchayat.

131. Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar.—Will the Government be pleased to inform this Council:—

(a) whether the Government have adopted any definite policy with regard to the investiture of Panchayats with Civil Judicial Powers ;

(b) if the answer to (a) is in the affirmative, what that policy is ;

(c) how long has the Vellarappalli Group Panchayat been in existence ;

(d) whether the Vellarappalli Group Panchayat has been invested with Civil Judicial Powers ;

(e) if the answer to question (d) is in the negative, the reasons, if any, for withholding these powers from the Vellarappalli Panchayat ;

(f) whether any representations have been made to the Government that the Vellarappalli Group Panchayat may be invested with Civil Judicial Powers;

(g) if the answer to (f) is in the affirmative, whether the Government have come to any definite conclusions with regard to such representations ?

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